

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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## HERE WE HAVE NO CONTINUING CITY, BUT SEEK ONE TO COME

### THE NEED OF GOING DEEPER

C. M. Padgett

Let us for a little while, notice the thought of going deeper. Jesus said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Heaven is the place where everything that makes for the happiness and contentment of those who dwell there, is perfect, therefore, to attain it, is the highest ambition of man. Those who are interested in the ariel heavens, are constantly trying to fly higher. Their ambition is to go higher than anybody else, or to go higher than they have ever been before. Others are drilling into the earth to explore and bring up its precious products. Occasionally someone will go deeper than anyone else. All this calls for ambition and effort; it is the fruit of an unsatisfied mind. The mind that is satisfied with present achievements is in the doleful zone. Humanity is ever desiring. Who is there that does not desire to improve himself in the work that he delights in? whether he be student, evangelist, or pastor of a local Church.

We wish to draw a spiritual conclusion. One has said the soul was made for God and is restless until it rests in God. How miserable the soul that never finds this haven of rest. The soul that is awakened to the need of God is at once powerfully dissatisfied, and blessed by the day when the Holy Ghost brings on this dissatisfaction. Without the seeing of the eye there is little to be desired. "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of the law." Science says that knowledge is acquired in proportion as follows: By the sense of touch one percent; taste, one percent; smell one percent, hearing twelve percent and seeing eighty-five percent. Jesus said, "The light of the body is the eye, if therefore thine eye be single thy whole body shall be full of light, but if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness?" How necessary then that this feeder of wisdom graze in the meadows of love and heavenly virtue. How quickly can the wing of the eye excite passions and lead to crime, with a life of remorse to follow. Seeing the world around is what makes us what we are. The reading of a book will lay your platform for future thought. A man far in the North sees a picture of a beautiful home in the South. The results are that he moves to that town and becomes a leader in its property owners.

No one is convinced of sin but by the enlightenment of the Holy Ghost hence the need of much prayer in revival work. When the saints pray night and day, some one is sure to get a revelation by the Holy Ghost, of their sin and of their need of God. When the Holy Ghost is come, He will convict the world of sin. This is an eye opener to the soul and by this, terror of hell gets hold of the heart. There is a desire to continue in sin, but the wrath of God is seen and the soul is pending when the storm is raging; there is a strong desire to flee for safety and if possible, the effort will be put forth.

The body can not know, but the mind is filled with terror. There is great dissatisfaction and where shall I go, what shall I do? Hell is beneath and the judgment of God is above and so the sinner at the altar fears and trembles. There is hope against hope. I desire to flee from the wrath to come, but I love my sins too well to give them up. When I close my eyes I am filled with excessive terror, wonder, surprise and mental agitation or disquietude. Then when I open my eyes I love my sin too well. When I go to church, the impression is brought to mind to give up my sin, but I will not surrender and when I leave the church, I return to sin again. I see my need but I am rebelling against God, but the great One above will not bear with me like this long; "my spirit will not always strive with you." (Continued on page two)

### The Lord Has Promised Greater Things

LOUISE, Miss.—I love the Church of God Evangel and can't do without it. I am praying for God to use it more for His glory this next year than ever before.

We have a little Church here only fifteen months old, but we are pressing on for the glory world, praising God that He sent the dear old holiness plan to us, the real Holy Ghost. He has done much for me since He gave me the precious Holy Ghost. I must do more for Him for He has promised me greater things if I am faithful.—Mrs. C. C. Bibbey.

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Remember that the money is to help pay off the great debt.—F. J. Lee.

### When Life Is Ended, We Will See His Smiling Face

LANCASTER, Mo.—The dear Evangel is food to my soul as we can't go to Church very often.

I am praising God this morning for victory to my soul. I know the blessed Holy Spirit still abides for I feel His presence just now. I thank Him for His healing power. He has been our healer for seven years and has never failed us yet. He healed our baby once when it looked like every breath would be the last. We sent for Brother E. M. Meadows and he came and we prayed and the Lord healed him almost instantly. Our little girl was healed of a very bad sore throat and high fever. To Him be all the praise. We are trusting God who can keep. Pray for us.—Mrs. Hattie Richardson.

Jesus sought me when a sinner, Wandering from His fold above; And He saved and sanctified me, Filled me with His holy love.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

He will save and He will heal us, For he says so in His Word. I believe Him and I'll trust Him For I'm standing on His Word.

I try to live each day to please Him, And I want more of His grace, Then I know when life is ended, I shall see His smiling face.

### The Lord Is Light In Darkness; Strength In Weakness

DODD CITY, Tex.—I am glad I am a member of the Church, saved and have the Holy Ghost. I praise the Lord for the sunlight of His love in my soul. He has healed me so many times and I am still trusting Him. Haven't taken any medicine in several years. He is my light in darkness, my strength in weakness and my all in all. He is so good to me and has done so much for this community. We have some true saints here. Pray for us.—Minnie Glibreath.

### MUCH TO PRAY FOR Who Will Join Us In Fervent Prayer?

F. J. Lee

"Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

While Jesus was praying, His disciples became greatly interested in prayer, perhaps because of His praying so often and earnestly they were stirred up to prayer, then realizing their inability to pray as they should they asked Him to teach them how to pray. We are sure of the fact that He was pleased with their request, and set about immediately to teach them how to pray. He said, "Say, Our Father which art in heaven," Jesus desired first that they should realize that they were addressing their Father and that they belonged to the great heavenly family. If we can realize this, surely it will not be so hard to get our love and faith focused in Him. If we can realize that the Father loves His children and will do all in His power to care for them and answer their petitions, surely we would not hesitate to call upon Him.

We must not only recognize Him as our Father, but our Heavenly Father dwelling in a holy place and cannot do wrong, therefore we should know that He will not disregard His children or treat them in a wrongful manner.

In our text He says, "Ask and it shall be given." In another place He says, "Everyone that asketh receiveth." This being the case why should we be reluctant about asking? Moses asked for Miriam to be immediately healed. Abraham asked for Abimelech to be healed. Hezekiah asked for his own healing and recovered. A leper asked for healing and was healed. Ten lepers asked for healing and received that for which they asked. A nobleman asked for healing for his son and the young man was made well. Doubtless there are scores of other healings mentioned in the Bible, but we need not mention others, but only state that the Word tells us that Jesus healed all that came to Him. He turned none aside, but invariably healed all that asked for healing.

Draw on the Bank of Heaven James says in chapter 4:2 "Ye have not, because ye ask not," thus signifying that many are falling short of God's best for no other reason than that they refuse to ask of Him, who has all power in Heaven and earth.

O that everyone could realize that it does not impoverish the Lord to bless and answer our petitions as we cry to Him in time of need. His storehouse is full and He is more willing to bestow His blessings upon us than we are to give good gifts to our children. Then why should we be so shy of the Lord, so slow to make our requests known unto Him? He says, "Ask and it shall be given." Not, may be, nor perhaps it shall, but "shall." It just simply cannot fail because God said it, but the entire burden of debt on your heart and carry it to the Lord. We are doing this every day and night, but O how we desire that every child of God help carry this burden to Him. I feel that if the thousands of our membership would hold this before God it would not be long until He would

### Healed of Appendicitis

BAILEYVILLE, W. Va.—I want to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord for healing my side. It was giving me a lot of trouble, so I made up my mind to go to the hospital, but my mother told me to have the saints pray for me. I wouldn't tell them to pray for me, but my father sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse for me. When it returned, my aunt came up and the power fell on her. She laid her hands on me and I could feel the pain go away. Praise the dear Lord, my side hasn't given me any trouble since. I want all of you to pray for me to hold to God's unchanging hand.—Your sister in Christ, Ruby Blankenship.

### 27 RECEIVED HOLY GHOST

ORLANDO, Fla.—We want to praise God for a wonderful revival He gave us here at Orlando. We had a six weeks meeting here and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Twenty-seven souls received the blessing, twenty-seven were added to the Church of God, and twenty-seven followed the Lord in water baptism. We also want to thank the Lord for the helpers, Sister Rosa Early and Sister Susie Beggans whom the Lord used in giving out His Word. We praise God for this latter rain, and ask the Evangel readers to pray for us as we journey on in this good way. I also praise the Lord for a new church, which I set in order at Center Hill, Fla. The Lord had led Brother and Sister Thompson there, they evangelized Center Hill and I set the church in order with nineteen members. Pray for Center Hill.—N. S. Marcelle, Pastor.

### Christ Is Good To The Children Of Men

PARMA, Mo.—I feel impressed to write a few words of praise to our wonderful Savior thru the dear Evangel because He is so good to the children of men, bless His name.

This evening finds me saved, sanctified and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost. Acts 2:4. I am also a member of the great Church of God which is near and dear to my heart. I do love the Church and Her teachings. I want to praise Him for His healing power. We have seven children. Five of them have been having chills, but the Lord healed them all without any medicine. One of my little boys began cramping in his stomach one night and was in a critical condition. He called on me at twelve o'clock to pray for him. I laid the Evangel on him and prayed and he was instantly healed for which I give God all the glory.

Oh, He is a great physician. I have been trusting Him for the healing of my body almost three years. He has healed many times in our home. Husband and I both belong to the Church of God of which we are proud. Remember us in your prayers.—Your unworthy sister under Jesus' blood, Mrs. W. M. Adams, Route 2 Box 40.

There were thousands of dollars borrowed from members of the Church. They have waited patiently for its return. Many poor widows have written to us pleading for their money to be returned. Of course we have had to put them off until after the court was finished. In our mind, we could picture some of these in destitute circumstances, pleading with tears for their money of which they lived in good faith. We must earnestly pray God to open up some way to return this money to these dear people. They are yet very patient with us, and I'm sure that the Lord is pleased with them for it, but we must keep pleading for help for them. I feel perfectly confident that the money is coming, yet we must continue to pray as the Church did when Peter was delivered from prison. Let us pray until the money knocks at the gates of headquarters and says "I am here."

### CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

O. L. Williams

"Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God." Deut. 18:13.

"Be ye therefore perfect even as your father which is in heaven is perfect."

This teaching runs thru the whole Bible as a golden cord, but the first glance at Matt. 5:48 might lead one who has not received the Holy Ghost, to say that it is impossible for any man who lives in this world to be perfect even as our Father which is in heaven is perfect. These are the words of Jesus. Will anyone charge Jesus with teaching His disciples to attempt impossibilities?

Noah was a just man and perfect. Jesus says everyone that is perfect shall be as his Master. Would He have spoken this if there had not been some who were perfect? "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3:17.

No one can truthfully say the Bible does not teach the doctrine of perfection. But let us see if we can find out what this perfection consists. It does not consist of thoughts, words or deeds. Some may be astonished at this statement and say I have a very low standard of Christian perfection, but just read on and I think you will say it is high enough when rightly understood. Perhaps a brief explanation before I proceed any further will remove some of the astonishment that may have been awakened.

Why are we not required to be perfect in deeds? It is because we lack knowledge. Perfect deeds admit no mistakes. I do not mean to say sins. A word wrongfully spelled is a mistake, mistakes are consistent with Christian perfection. The same is true with words and thoughts. We say things we would not have said had we known how they would have been taken. We did the best we knew at the time, but afterwards learned we were mistaken, consequently the words were not perfect. We are often mistaken in our thoughts, thus placing them among the imperfect things. No one in this world is absolutely perfect in deeds, words or thoughts. Absolute perfection is peculiar to the Lord who knows all things. Therefore, He never makes a mistake.

Each person must decide for himself whether he will be perfectly honest, truthful and virtuous; whether he will submit unreservedly to the Lord, be perfectly obedient to all His will and seek to please Him in all things forever at any cost. In this way he is free from all doubts of his acceptance or worry about the future. He has a calm, quiet rest of mind; while storms of fearful character may be raging, he can say, the eternal God is my refuge. His peace is like the deep water of the ocean, where winds and waves never disturb.

The Church of God teaches a life above sin and we must live this life to be free from sin. The world will go and hear us preach a life above sin and then look at our mistakes and say that we do not live above sin. The worldly man is looking at the mistakes we are making either in deeds, words or thoughts, while we are perfect in heart. The question now arises, of what does Christian perfection consist if not in deeds, words and thoughts? Christian perfection consists of the work of the heart, will, motive, intention and choice. Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all his days.

1 Kings 15:14. No doubt King Asa made mistakes like other men but he had the right motive called a perfect heart, by which he was governed.

King Hezekiah said, "I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart." 2 Kings 20:3. The moral quality of all actions is in the will. We do not sin until the will consents to what we know is not right. Hezekiah had a perfect will. "Let your hearts therefore be perfect with the Lord our God." 1 Kings 8:61.

We are nowhere taught to be perfect in knowledge or wisdom. The following is a text that everyone will do well to commit to memory: "For (Continued on page two)"

### Special Notice

We are sending to the Sunday Schools some Orphanage envelopes to be used in soliciting. The Superintendent will please appoint those who will make good, reliable solicitors, then sign their name on the soliciting envelope. Everyone collecting as much as \$5.50, we will give to them a good book, shown on the envelope. It may be that some will want to compete for the entire list of books.—F. J. Lee.



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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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We wish all the readers a prosperous New Year. May God's richest blessings be upon everyone.

Everything is progressing nicely in Cleveland. God is still pouring out His Spirit on His people.

The Christian a Sojourner: "Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear." 1 Peter 1:17.

The Old Year and the New: "Ye shall henceforth return no more this way." Deut. 17:16.

The Need of Haste: A New Year Message: "Brethren, the time is short." 1 Cor. 7:29.

The Uncertainty of the Year: "Ye know not what shall be on the morrow." James 4:14.

New Praises for the New Year: "Sing unto the Lord a new song." Psa. 96:1.

We had with us this week, Brother John L. Stephens and wife who were on their way from Detroit, Mich. to Florida. Brother Stephens will be state evangelist for Florida this year.

Brother H. L. Chesser, who graduated from the Bible School last year, is spending a few days in Cleveland. He will attend Vaughan's School of Music the next term.

Include God in Your Plans for the Year: "Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go unto such a city, and continue there a year, and buy, and sell, and get gain." James 4:13.

## VALUING TIME

The value of time; that is one of the first things the New Year suggests. Says an unknown writer:

I have just a little minute,  
Only sixty seconds in it,  
Forced upon me, can't refuse it,  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,  
But it's up to me to use it.  
I must suffer if I abuse it;  
Just a tiny, little minute,  
But eternity is in it.—Selected.

## The Lord Will Keep Us

WINSTON, Ga.—I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. About 2 months ago I was seized with fever which ran to 104. We were trusting the Lord for our healing, so my mother, father and two brothers prayed for me. I didn't seem to get any better and the people told them to send for a doctor or let me die. I told them that I did not want a doctor. They kept talking to my mother and she sent for the doctor. He came two or three days, but still I didn't get any better. Some of the Church of God people from Atlanta came and prayed for me and we gave up the doctor. Praise the Lord, in two or three days all the fever had gone.

It is so good to trust the dear Lord for the healing of our bodies. My little brother is afflicted and sometimes he suffers much; rolls from one side of the bed to the other. We kneel and pray for him and he goes to sleep. The next morning every pain is gone. I praise the Lord for what He is to us.

The 27th of last August He had mercy on me, picked me up out of the mirey clay and put me on the solid rock. On the 29th of August He sanctified my soul and gave me the blessed Holy Ghost which still abides today. Thank the good Lord for the way He keeps us in these last days. Morena Vollrath, Route 1.

## NOTICES

Anyone who reads this notice who takes the Memphis Evening Appeal paper and has a copy of the issue dated April 11, 1927, please send it to me.—C. G. Edwards, Cedar Bluff, Miss.

To the pastors, churches and clerks in Ohio:

This is to notify you that Brother T. R. Warden, 1144 Clarendon Ave., S. W. Canton, Ohio and J. H. Ingram, 404, Culvert St., Cincinnati, Ohio have been duly appointed to serve on the State Board of Missions for the year 1928. Brother T. R. Warden is Secretary and Treasurer.

Remember, all are urged to comply with the ruling of the last Assembly in regard to the State Mission fund, also remember the plan that has been suggested for each local church to raise not less than \$1.00 for each member to pay off the Church indebtedness at headquarters. Now let us all do our part and relieve the Church of this great burden. E. Haynes, State Overseer.

Any interested party or parties in Northwest Florida wanting a meeting may write me.—E. L. Moore, La Belle, Fla.

Julia Barnes, 2808 Morgan St., Tampa, Florida requests prayer. She hurt her limb a few weeks ago and it has inflamed. She cannot walk without the aid of a crutch.

Brother J. A. Hipps, Overseer of the Fitzgerald District wishes to advise that his new address will be Route No. 6, Box 22, Fitzgerald, Ga.

This is to notify all the Church of God members who have their membership at Walhalla, South Carolina, Church No. 1.—City.

We are going to have Home Coming Day Easter Sunday, April 8th. We want everyone to come and bring your dollar to pay on our debt at Cleveland. If you cannot possibly come, please send in your dollar by the 8th to the pastor, L. H. Powell, Walhalla, S. C.

I will be ready to answer calls for meetings on and after Jan. 1st 1928. Anyone wishing my service can write me at Henlawson, W. Va., Box 84.—Robert Hill.

To all the members of the Church of God in Augusta, Ga., who live away from here: You remember the last Assembly made a suggestion that all members pay \$1.00 each to help pay off the indebtedness as soon as possible.—W. A. Sullivan, Pastor.

To all our friends, brethren and sisters: We have moved from Williston, Fla., to Augusta, Ga., to serve as pastor here. Would be glad to hear from you any time.—W. A. Sullivan, 1826 Hicks St., Augusta, Ga.

## GOOD MEETING IN N. CHATTANOOGA

Our meeting closed with good success. Sixteen received the Holy Ghost and eight came into the Church. This meeting lasted only ten days, but was good from start to finish. Brother J. W. Culpepper from Lake Park, Ga., did the preaching and I want to say that he did some real preaching and the folks at North Chattanooga invite him back again the first chance he has to come.

Brother Culpepper had to leave us on account of his business in Georgia. The last night of the meeting there were about twenty-five in the altar. We hated to see him go, but we hope he can come back and finish this meeting later.

North Chattanooga is coming to the front, praise the Lord.—Harry L. Whittington.

## More Enjoyment In Serving God Than In The World

STATESBORO, Ga.—I continually thank the Lord because about five years ago, one beautiful morning, Jesus told me to stop, look and listen and I immediately parted with the pleasures of this world to heed the loving call of my Savior. How sweetly He took my aches and pains away. A little later He wonderfully sanctified me and filled me with the real walking and talking Holy Ghost and the preacher didn't have to tell me about it either. I knew it myself and since that time I have strived from the abundance of my heart to please Him and to be careful to keep myself unspotted from the world.

Many times when trials and disappointments would come abundantly I would remember where He said in His Word that He was our burden bearer and I would then quietly steal away to some secret place and pour out my heart to Him. I can see that He is just leading us thru dark and lonely places to draw us nearer to Him. I can feel the real effects and know what prayers mean; I can realize then that just behind the clouds the sun still shines and I can say with

## SLEEPING CONSCIENCE

N. B. Osban  
Isaiah 38:1

Isaiah came to Hezekiah in obedience to God's command and told him to set his house in order. In 1 Cor. 3:16, 17 Paul says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

Now the point I want to make right here is this, the way some of our Church of God women are dressing. Beloved, the Assembly ruled that Church of God women should not bob their hair and I said amen to it because it is an abomination in the sight of God. So is the bobbed dress that some of our women are wearing. Now we want to let Paul speak again, 1 Cor. 14:40 "Let all things be done decently and in order." Short dresses are not decent. It is not a good moral principle, much less one that becometh holiness. Beloved, if our influence counts for God and thru us the Church of God rises and shines in this dark world, we have to practice the Bible in our dress, conversation, business and in every walk of life.

Mothers and fathers, just a word to you: Bring your dull mind into action and exercise authority over your children. Govern your home and bring them up right, and one writer said when they get old they would not depart from it. Now if you were to build a house and just put weatherboarding around the middle of it, leaving the bottom and top open, you wouldn't live in it. Neither does the Holy Ghost want to live in a temple that is exposed to the gaze of the devil. God help our women to maintain shamefulness and timidity as becometh holiness.

Paul says again, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefulness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." 1 Cor. 2:9, 10. This style of short dresses is not becoming to women who profess holiness. Such styles are from the under-world, they are not of God and our people have no right to practice them. I love the Church of God and want to see the members of the Church a separate people from the world.

We will let Brother John speak. In 1 John 2:15-17 "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

We have got to be separated from the world and short dresses are from the under-world. When the children of Israel wanted a king, they wanted to be like other people. We must get away from that and desire to be like God's Word says for us to be. 2 Peter 3:1-3 says, "This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Savior: knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts."

Now beloved, may God help us as ministers of the Church of God and followers of Christ, not to hold our peace when we see something coming upon our people that will steal away their sweet influence and thereby cripple the influence of the Church, but like the writer of old, we will cry aloud and spare not.

the Psalmist David, "He restoreth my soul, my cup runneth over."

Some said when I started in this way, that it would not last long; that I would soon get tired of the way and be back where I could get some enjoyment out of life, but oh how I thank God, because I can get more enjoyment out of serving a true and living God than I ever got out of parties and frolics. I had rather be tonight, one of God's little trusting children than to be anything else in the world. I also thank God for health and strength. I thank Him because He has kept me well ever since I started this way. I desire the prayers of every Christian that I will ever lift him the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ to this cold, dark, lost world. I am only a lad of twenty years. Pray for the Church at this place.—A. L. Waters.

## The Lord Performed The Operation

PARIS, Tex.—I am praising God this morning for full and free salvation, for a wonderful Savior who is always ready to come to our rescue. Oh, I thank God for the way I was wonderfully healed a few weeks ago. Nearly two years ago I chewed a

## ACONFESSION

To the dear old Church of God, especially the ministry in Texas, and to any others whom it may concern: Owing to certain circumstances in the past, which I did not understand, I too hastily came to the conclusion and made the statement, that there was a little clique in the Church in Texas, who run and dominated things in their own interest.

After watching developments for a little period of time and with careful consideration, I feel that I was wrong and wronged the ministry in the accusation, so I ask each and every one to forgive me and I humbly ask an interest in your prayers. I am not as close to God as I should be, but I love Him and His Church and want complete victory. May the Lord bless the Evangel and His Church. I want to be in the Bride.—D. O. Bland, R. 6, Box 99, Ft. Worth, Texas.

## JESUS' POWER IS THE SAME TODAY

"So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the disease departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." Acts 19:12.

I truly praise God for what He has done for me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost about thirteen years ago and the way grows brighter each day.

I thank God for healing my little girl and boy of chills and fever. I sent a handkerchief to Brother Lee to be anointed for my little boy and when it returned, we laid it on his body and asked God to heal him and praise God He answered our prayers.

I also sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to be anointed for my little girl and she had a few more chills, but we just kept praying and the Lord healed her. We give God the praise and honor for it all. Pray for us that we might hold out faithful and be just what God would have us be.—S. B. Webb, Ruleville, Miss.

## KEEP YOUR EYES ON THINGS ABOVE

CHRISTOPHER III.—I praise God because He hears and answers prayer. I had a pain in my right side for four or five months and it would get better then worse. I went to the doctor to be examined and he pronounced it appendicitis. I laid the Evangel on my side, prayed and promised the Lord I would be a better soldier for Him and would testify of His healing power if He would heal me. I praise God because the pain left me and doesn't bother me any more.

God is a friend in time of need. He has answered many prayers. I want to keep my eyes on things above, not on things of this earth. I want to lay my treasures up in Heaven and go where there will be no more sorrows, sickness, pain or death, no tears to dim the eye. Pray for me that I will always stand true to God.—Phila Delphia Parton, South State St.

## Wonderful Healing Power

FRUITLAND, Md.—I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I had sore eyes and the doctor said I would go blind if I didn't take his treatment. I was wearing glasses at this time. But when Brother Rouse came to Maryland and I heard him preach on healing, I had him pray for me and the Lord wonderfully healed me. I laid my glasses off and haven't worn them since. Thank the Lord.

I thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost also for healing my baby when it was scalded. Brother Rouse laid hands on him in the name of Jesus and he was completely healed, and my husband was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Bertha Brumley.

match stick and got some splinters of it in my throat. One small piece worked up thru my head into my mouth. The dear Lord performed an operation and loosed a bone in the roof of my mouth and I just picked it out, thank God. This left a large hole in my mouth and head, but Jesus wonderfully healed the place. The hole has almost grown up now. Pray for me to continue in faith until it finally grows up.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. I love this way. Praise God, for it is the only way. Many times I have been sick and God healed me. We love the dear old Church of God and are making an earnest request of all the saints, especially of the saints at Cleveland, Tenn. to pray. We haven't had a good old time revival in over two years. We are going down before God. Saints, please help us. There are lost souls that need Jesus. We have prayer meetings every day in the week. Pray for us.—Mrs. H. C. Pendergoss, 354 West Huston St.

## THE NEED OF GOING DEEPER

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thee;" God is not mocked; He is not to be trifled with.

All at once, with a sternness that seems to come from an angry God, the Holy Ghost seems to say, "It is now or never," and then I seem to be awakened as one out of a terrible dream; the great fountain of my soul is broken up "and deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water spouts. All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me." It is then I turn to the Lord with all my heart and throw myself at His feet, but the Dove of mercy seems to have flown away and I can not find Him, whom my soul longs for. What will not Jesus listen to me now? Where are His promises? Has He at last given me over to the hardness of my heart? Have I sinned against the Holy Ghost? Is there no mercy for me now? Will not the Governor of heaven have mercy unto a pardon and send it by the next angel winging His flight this way? Oh! that I had listened when He first spoke to me! Now I have no other desire but to find Him.

Mercy or no mercy, I throw my idols to the bats and the owls, all my strange gods I bury under the oak of Shechem for I am going up to Bethel and build an altar there. Yes I give up; I forever surrender my sin. No more idols on the shelf behind the door for me. With one sweep they are gone. What a world of transformation is taking place in my mind. Somehow I see the promise; I cannot explain it, but in some mysterious way I lay hold and see that Jesus died even for me. An unseen hand seems to lift me to my feet and the terrible weight is gone and I am all afloat in a sea of ethereal nothingness, a feather could not be any lighter. Has an angel suddenly carried me into the great nothingness above and left me without a sin or care to weight my soul down? No, the blood of Jesus has washed away the abominable filth of my sin and now I am a child of God. All the world within, without has become new to me and it is glory! glory!! glory!!!

## Jesus Saves And Heals

VERBENA, Ala.—I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. My baby was sick and I called on the dear Savior who hung between heaven and earth and shed His life blood that we might have life eternal. I am so glad that He heard me and healed my baby.

I am glad I have the privilege of calling on Jesus. I want to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. One of my little boys was healed of colitis and one healed of pneumonia. Jesus is able to pick us up out of the sins of this world and make us happy and free. I am glad we can live without sin, for sin is a reproach to any people. I desire the prayers of all Christians that I might do more and be ready to go.—J. H. Adams

## CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

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the eyes of the Lord run to and fro, throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." 2 Chron. 16:9. The Lord separates those who have perfect hearts. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8. A pure heart and a perfect heart are the same. How may we obtain a perfect heart? This is answered in the words spoken by Jesus, "I in them and them in me, that they may be perfect in one." John 17:23.

We should not claim that we are perfect in our deeds, words or thoughts. If we do, the world may catch us in a mistake and this would be a sin, for we claimed to be perfect in our deeds. Let us prove to the world that we are perfect in heart by staying humble at the feet of Jesus willing to make right any mistake we might make. There is a wide difference between purity and maturity. There is no limit to Christian growth in this world provided the heart is kept pure. The child that is physically perfect, grows to be a perfect physical man. So only the pure in heart can continue to grow up into Christ, the living head.

The heart of the young convert may be as perfect as that of the oldest saint but he is not as strong. The wood in the little oak tree may be just as perfect as that in one a hundred years old, but the young one could be pulled up very easily while it would require much labor to dig up the aged tree. The young saint should be as honest, truthful and virtuous as he will be after he has been in the Lord's service forty years. He does not grow more honest but grows stronger in honesty. This brings us back to the question, how can we have a perfect heart? All must admit that when one gets the Holy Ghost, he is perfect and it is the privilege of any Christian to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Paul says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple

of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:16, 17.

The Holy Spirit when in man is just as holy as when in Christ and when we become holy temples because of the presence of the divine nature which is a holy nature, the Holy Spirit which fills the heart of the Christian, will lead him to be honest as God from whom the Spirit proceeds, also truthful. Thus he becomes perfect even as his father which is in heaven is perfect. The man deserves no praise for being perfect, but the glory all belongs to the Lord for devising such a plan by which man can have a perfect heart, will and motive. Because the Lord abides in him by the power of his perfect spirit.

The Lord only requires His saints to come up to the standard that every good being loves and admires. Would any respectable person desire a life companion who is dishonest, unchaste, untruthful, cross or full of selfishness? Certainly not. The Lord has not forbidden one thing desired by a holy person. A person who has a pure heart is willing for everybody to know about his life. No one with a perfect heart is ashamed of his motive. If he is mistaken he loves to be corrected, it is his delight to be as near right as possible. It is only the impure who try to conceal his motive. Purity never seeks concealment. A man with a perfect heart chooses to do the will of the Lord at any cost and under all circumstances. In every situation obedience is a pleasure to him. In a perfect heart will be found no anger, pride, impatience, strife, envy, covetousness, lasciviousness, or other wickedness. The man with a perfect heart is filled with perfect love, peace, patience, honesty, obedience and trust in the Lord. I may make mistakes but may God help me to ever have a perfect heart and motive.

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## Bible Training School

of Cleveland, Tennessee

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### Don't Miss A Chance To Attend Bible School

Dear Evangel readers: I am giving my testimony of how the Lord is blessing me. He has made it possible for me to be in School thru the sacrifice of a young people's society at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., known as the "P. A. S. T. S." which means, put a student thru school. They are doing a great work for the Lord which He is blessing.

This is the first term that I have spent in Bible School. It is the best place that I ever witnessed in my life for the Lord is here. I cannot express how glad I am to be here. I have been sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost since I have been in School.

I will never forget those who are paying my expenses while here. If any of you have a chance to come to Bible School, come at once and if you love God and His people, you will never regret it. If you can't come and you want to do something for the Lord, organize a young people's society in the church where you attend. Have a good aim in view, work to it and keep before the Lord in prayer and He will bless you and your efforts. The young people who are paying my expenses organized about two years ago, with the aim of putting a student thru the Church of God Bible School and the Lord blessed our efforts. Last term we had one student in School and this term we have two. I am one and Brother D. S. Cupp is the other, so you see the Lord is blessing. Pray for me.—A student, Ralph Tedder.

### FOUND THAT JESUS LOVES HIM

I want to thank the Lord for what He is to me. I am truly glad that one day I learned that Jesus loved me, died on the cross and spilled His blood that I might be made free from sin. I am glad this morning that He prepared a way for me to be in the Church of God Bible School. I can truly say that the good Lord is with me and is blessing in a wonderful way. I feel His presence now.

I want to be a willing worker for Jesus because He has done so much for me. He left His home in glory and came down here, took on Himself the form of human flesh and died that we might have eternal life. And just think, that so many people are going on, tramping the blood of Jesus under their feet. Oh, how I long to be able to tell the people where I go, that Jesus loves them too. Pray for me that I'll be a soul winner for Jesus. Your brother in Christ and one who loves the Church of God Bible School.—Daniel Burt, Finleyson, Ga., Rt. 2.

### HAVE LOVE ONE TO ANOTHER

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." St. John 13:35.

Beloved does the world know that we are Jesus' disciples by the love we have one to another? As I see the different denominations, or churches, I see a lack of that love. Beloved, why can't we rejoice with them that do rejoice? Why the strife and even envy among the Christians?

I've never seen a time when the devil was more actively transforming himself into an angel of light, creeping in here and there, breaking unity, for he knows where there's unity, there's power; where there's back-biting, envy and strife, there's no unity, consequently no power. Oh, I would love to preach it from every pulpit, street corner and everywhere that I could get an audience.

Are we abiding in the vine when we are listening to some lie the devil has started on some brother or sister? Are we abiding in the vine when we repeat that lie to some other brother or sister? Oh beloved let us watch and pray that we enter not into these temptations.

James the 5th chapter and 16th verse tells us to confess our faults one to another and pray one for another that we might be healed. God help me to be meek and humble enough at all times to be willing to confess my faults. There are many who are too stubborn to do this. To me it is a command from God's Word and I don't believe we have the joy and victory in our souls that Jesus wants us to have, unless we are willing to confess our faults. He knows they are there, why try to keep them smothered?

Oh beloved let us be up and about our Father's business, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Jesus is coming soon and there's so much to be done. Please pray that I may at all times follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.—Mrs. A. F. Hatchett, R. 2, Talking Rock, Ga.

### Loves To Tell The Story Of Salvation

I am glad for this good old Gospel way. It just suits me fine. This way grows sweeter to me each day. How I love to tell the good old story of Salvation. I can say, I am really saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost just now. I thank God for putting it on the heart of someone to send me to the Bible School. After He promised a way for me to come to Bible School, the devil tried on every hand, but I am here. The Lord surely has been blessing me since I have been here. I do wish my dear loved ones and friends could come. I thought at first there was nothing much to the School, but I came and saw that it was good to be here.

Dear readers: I want to say this afternoon, that I have a great determination to go thru and fight the devil on every hand. We have to go thru the dark valley sometimes, but I make it thru some way. I tell you dear friends, we need to watch and pray more, because we don't know the minute our Lord will come to catch His little humble Bride away. I want to be ready, don't you? If we gain this whole world and lose our soul, it profiteth us nothing. I desire your prayers that I may be in the humble Bride.—(Miss) Lorene Newman, Sylacauga, Ala.

### THE WAY GROWS BRIGHTER

Dear readers everywhere: I am glad I can say, I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I feel more encouraged to go all the way than ever before. I truly thank the Lord because He prepared a way for me to attend the Bible School this term and I can say, it's good to be here. Praise the Lord, the way grows brighter each day. Many tried to tell me of the Bible School before I came, but I find the half was never told.

I can never thank the Lord enough for the way He has blessed me since I have been here. We are not so many in number, but the best of all, the Lord is with us. This is the only school I have ever attended that one could enjoy salvation as we do here.

I am the only one from the State of Arkansas here this year, but hope to see many to represent Arkansas here next term. Dear ones, we can not tell half of what the Bible School really is. You will have to be with us to know what we enjoy while in School. Pray for me that I may ever be found true.—Ethel Monroe, Lexa, Ark.

### STANDING ON THE PROMISES

HAYNES, Ark.—I praise God for His many blessings. I love Him with all my heart and thank Him for forgiving my sins, sanctifying me with His precious blood, baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and giving me a heart full of God's love. I love to testify for His glory. I am glad that Jesus has brought me out of darkness into this wonderful light. I love Him because He has been so good to me and my family. He heals our bodies when we are sick. I have been down to death's door three times, no one thought that I could live, but God healed me. He also takes the warts off of my head and hands. I am glad that I can stand on His promises. Nine years ago I stepped out on the Word of God and I mean to go thru with Jesus, live or die.

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Jer. 6:16. I can say this is so because I have perfect rest for my soul. It is wonderful for an old man sixty-seven years old to have this sweet rest for the soul. How I can stand on the promises of God. I thank Him for sparing me to live to see the light on His Word.

A few weeks ago I went to Marked Tree, Ark. to the State Assembly and I found Jesus there too. How sweet it is to know that Jesus will bless His children. Jesus was with us from the first until the last. We had the best State Assembly that Arkansas has ever had. I was glad to meet the good people there. They are big-hearted, true-blue Church of God folks. I want more of Jesus in my life and more of His precious love in my heart for all. I desire the prayers of all that know the worth of prayer, that I might stay in the center of God's will and be ready to go when He comes or calls.—F. C. Danewhewer.

## A GLORIOUS CELEBRATION

E. D. Thornton

Some people seem to think that anything out of the ordinary is not in keeping with the Christian religion. Just to arise in the morning, have family prayer, say grace at the table, attend the midweek prayer meeting, Sunday School on Sunday morning, preaching services following and another service Sunday evening, or night, is all that is needed for the Christian life. Well, this may be enough for some folks, but I'll say right here that it is not enough for me. I want a livelier life than just these services alone, even if they are good soul feasts every time. I like special days for special things. I enjoy celebration days.

Mentioning celebration, reminds me of a special celebration in which the angels participated. A child was born in the East one night and some angelic messengers flashed the news to Heaven with lightning rapidity and summoned the Heavenly host to rally their forces and hasten to earth—a celebration was on hand. The audience on this occasion, was only a few shepherds who were watching their sheep by night, but there was a multitude of celebrants who took part in celebrating Jesus' birth. All of you know what I am talking about if you have read the second chapter of Luke in the New Testament Scriptures.

Now if the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas is not right, I think the heavenly host set us a poor example. This celebration was not held at the exact spot where the child was born so that gives us an example that we do not have to go to Bethlehem to celebrate, but we can celebrate at another place. We conclude that the celebration may be held at any convenient place. The angels could have held their celebration in heaven but they didn't. They could have held their celebration midway between heaven and earth, but they did not choose to do so. If it had not been for an example for us to follow, they could have kept it hid from us. It was not kept a secret, hence we think if the angels could meet together and sing songs, shine lights, tell of the good tidings of great joy, show tableaux, play about for joy, that surely God would be pleased for us to do so too.

A few years ago some of our people were rather skeptical about our Christmas festivities, but it seems a new era has dawned upon us. We seem to be moving toward where the first celebrants came from. I wonder if this is really true. At any rate there does not seem to be the objections raised that there used to be and I never could understand why anyone could object to celebrating the birth of our Lord. To do this, does not carry with it that traditional Santa Claus custom necessarily, but I think it is fine to have exercises prepared by the Sunday School classes; speeches, songs, recitations, class exercises and reproductions of the visit of the shepherds and wise men, and music, anything to celebrate and honor our King. It seems to me that the man or woman who would oppose the celebration, is celebrating the birth of the Lord has forgotten the heavenly example given us by the angels on that memorable night. And to think that such a multitude participated in the celebration, it is wonderful.

Some think such as this will do for children and young people, but not for old people. Well, I'm afraid you are wrong again. Do you know of any old people who are older than that group of celebrants from heaven, who celebrated that night? Indications are that those angels who celebrated back there, were ages old and were still not too old to celebrate the birth of the Son of God and all present took part in the celebration except the shepherds, and they too were soon stirred from their sleepiness and off they ran, over hill and vale, into the sleeping village; on and on they went till they found a small group who were wide awake. Then there are evidences given that cause us to think they aroused the whole town to get them to join in the celebration. Records say that, "when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." The shepherds glorified and praised God.

I say let the Sunday Schools celebrate the birth of our Savior and let every one take some part in it. None are too young and none are too old. If you can't do anything else, wake somebody, or wake the town like the shepherds did. That was a glorious celebration. We can have our celebration at night and be after the pattern marked out by the angels from heaven. I feel right now like my soul is about to burst open with praises to God for the new revelation of our Christmas celebration. I say, let us go into them more than ever. When David's wife criticized him for dancing before the Lord, he danced harder than ever. I feel now, a new move in my being to celebrate the birthday of my Jesus with more vigor and greater rejoicing than ever.

Where is the family that does not do something out of the ordinary for each member of the family on a birthday? Well, if you do it for members of your family, why not all of us join in an extensive and elaborate celebra-

## NOTHING TOO HARD FOR GOD

CORINTH, Miss.—I have been trusting God for my healing for over two years and I don't believe there is anything too hard for Him. I had a severe toothache and I called on the Lord and in a few minutes the work was done for which I give Him all the praise.

I thank the Lord for the dear old Church of God and because He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and gave me a determination to do His will. I ask the prayers of the saints that I might get healed of other ailments, also for the people at Corinth to better understand His Word.—Imer Edwards.

## GLAD OF HAVING LEARNED TO TRUST HIM

CRANE, Tex.—I want to thank God thru the Evangel this morning for His great healing power. My baby became suddenly ill about five o'clock one Wednesday. I don't know what was the trouble, but the Lord touched Him for it looked as if he was gone once. We held on to God and He heard and answered our prayers. I thank God because the baby was healed about eight p. m.

I thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the great Holy Ghost and for adding me to the Church of God. Bless His name! I am glad that I ever learned to trust Him with both soul and body. Pray for me and for my husband that we will please the Lord in everything.—Mrs. Francis Smith.

## THE HIGHWAY

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." Isa. 35:8.

I am really praising God for this way and for making it so plain that the wayfaring man need not err therein, that gives me a chance to travel it. I have been in this way a little over one year. I find it is really a highway, because it is above the world and we have to leave off the things of this world to get on this highway. We just as well get sanctified wholly, get the Holy Ghost to lead us and keep us in the way.

St. John 16:13 tells us that when He is come He will guide us in the way of all truth. I am proud that one day I got willing to let Jesus come into my heart and clean me up from all my sins, not just a part of them, and the Comforter still leads me day by day as I pass over this highway. It means a lot to keep sanctified and keep old self out of the way. The man that wears my hat, gives me more trouble than anyone else. We have to watch and pray daily to keep in this narrow way because man's ways are not God's ways.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 16:25. The Bible tells us to stand ye in the ways and ask for the old paths, therefore, it requires patience to make the trip successfully. When we get to any place along the way that seems hard, where we can hardly tell which road to go, just get up the old way bill and we can soon see the old paths that our Savior and the disciples trod, then we are ready to go on rejoicing, praise God.

I am glad He added me to the great Church of God which He purchased with His own blood and said it should be holy and without blemish. I am trying to help keep it clean and pure for I know if we do manage to get by with some little thing that is not right and keep it covered up from the Church, we will never be able to keep it from the all seeing eye of God.—R. T. Pannell, Alpharetta, Ga., Route 3.

## WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED

LECKIE, W. Va.—I praise my Redeemer this morning for His healing power. The Lord has healed me many times for which I give Him the glory. My baby began having convulsions and continued getting worse for five days. I had the saints to anoint him several times and just held on to God and He healed him. Praise the Lord, he don't look like he has been sick. I give God all the honor.

Pray that I may get stronger in the Lord and do what He would have me do. Pray for my husband that he might be saved, also for my children, brothers and sisters. I love this way because it is a clean and holy way. My heart hungers to be in a good revival. I feel so weak. Pray that I might get closer to God and be able to bring souls to Him.—Mrs. Lillie Osborne.

tion of our Elder Brother's birthday? I never felt so much like honoring my Lord in a birthday celebration in my life. For years I have believed in it, but now I seem to have a new vision of it and I feel like waking up not only a village, but the whole country.

## WHO CAN BEAT THIS?

Men With Vim And Grit Are In Demand

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

Our Brother E. W. Forney and wife took charge of a very weak work in Montgomery, Ala. since the Assembly, yes, only about one month ago. He writes that he found there, only two men and four women that were Church of God members. They had no building to worship in, so he went to see the mayor and got a permit to solicit money for a new building, and today they have a building 30 x 45 feet complete with electric wiring, also good seats and the building with all equipment paid for. Men like this

are certainly in demand, men with vim and grit.

Who can beat this for a rush business in just a little over a month's time? They were to have their first service on New Year's Day. I saw that when they left Cleveland there was vim and grit about them as well as the Spirit. I told them that they were certain to succeed.

May the dear Lord continue to bless them in their efforts.—F. J. Lee.

## HAS OVERCOME BY GOD'S HELP

MONROE, Va.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. He healed me of a skin trouble and I have been healed before of other diseases. Before I joined the Church of God, I could see the light on divine healing, but had too much man fearing spirit to trust in it. But thank God, I have overcome this by His help. Please pray that I may receive the blessing.—A. S. Funk.

## OBITUARIES

EVANS

The death angel visited the home of Brother George Evans about Aug. 13th, 1927 and claimed a flower, little Roy Evans, age about four months. His father and mother both belong to the Church of God at Naugatuck. His little body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Oppy, Ky. to await the coming of the Lord.—A sister in Jesus, Angeline Fain.

RABARDIS

On Saturday eve, Oct. 22nd, As the clock was about to strike four We should not wonder that Grandma Rabardis Was taken, she was not of the worldly kind.

Like Stephen when he was stoned And under man's feet was trod, She turned her back on a sin-cursed world And commended her spirit to God.

Like the queen who died at the dawn Of the victory, she abstained from medical aid

For with God, even thru the valley of death, She was not the least bit afraid.

As Christ, led like a sheep to the slaughter And before His shearers stood dumb, She wondered who would declare her faith That others to heaven might come.

When I remember how she has said, "Think of me." I recall the thief Who uttered these words as he hung By the Lord on a tree.

One Friday, a long time ago, Jesus died, so I understand And when the 6th hour was come, Darkness came over the land.

And at the ninth hour the earth did quake

And the vale of the temple was rent The believers cried as the good Shepherd died But the scorners knew not what it meant.

Then the sheep were all scattered abroad;

They had lost their keeper they feared,

Nor could they hardly believe it was He

When again to them He appeared.

Grandma had the meekness of Moses According to Numbers 12:3.

She was beautiful with salvation;

How beautiful heaven must be.

She needed no extra stimulant, She was packed up and ready to go; She paid, the fare, the train was there,

She has gone where all Christians go.

The ship went down, but the crew was saved

The hull has returned to the dust But death has lost its hold on her

As on all the faithful it must.

She refused to defile the temple of God

In which abode His great love, Though it was only a cottage

Compared with her mansion above.

Some die trusting the doctors,

Believing only in things they can see

Like those who bowed to a golden calf,

How faithless we often can be.

Praise the Lord, she died trusting Him

Who causes the sunshine and rain,

Believing that even though she lost

## SALVATION THAT KEEPS

BENHAM, Ky.—I am still praising God for salvation that keeps me all the way. I have the Holy Ghost and mean to go all the way with God. I have so much to praise the Lord for. He is so good to me and has done so much for me.

I ask the saints to pray for my boys that are in sin. I want the Lord to send conviction on them until they can't sleep till they find peace with Him. Pray for me that I will stand true till Jesus comes.—Anna Collin.

her life She would eternally find it again. This world did not value her enough So God has called her home, And now she is in the heavenly choir, Around the great white throne.

LOWE

On Armistice Day, the 11th of November 1927, just a few minutes after the bells had tolled in memory of the noble and honorable dead who gave their lives in the great World War for the freedom of the world, the death angel stole into the home of Brother Howard Lowe (clerk of the Church of God at Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, Bahamas) and took his life away. He was twenty-nine years, six months and twenty-two days of age.

Brother Lowe was converted at the age of sixteen and from then until the day of his death, he lived soberly, righteously and godly. He was sick about five months with a severe form of indigestion which resulted in blood poisoning. He was confined to the house and bed for about seven weeks during which time he suffered greatly, but he bore it with patience. He was never a great public speaker, but his testimonies were real, sound and right to the point.

In losing this young man, the Church at this place has lost a good, substantial member; the town has lost a good, quiet and loyal citizen. His life was exceptional for a young man. Before he married he lived a clean life, never did enjoy much of the worldly pleasures. His father was the pastor of this Church and preceded him to the great beyond a little over two years ago. It must have been a joyous meeting when father and son met over on the golden shore. While we are sorrowing, they are rejoicing.

On the morning of the day he fell asleep, the pains subsided some and he began to speak comforting words to those he was expecting to soon leave. He gave very good counsel to guide some. The saints gathered around his bedside and sang for him, which cheered his spirit greatly and at times he seemed so happy that it just can't be expressed. He would clap his hands and rejoice.

Quite a few people who were present said they did not want to leave because they did not want to miss one word he spoke. He quoted the following words of a good old song, "Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the tolls of life repay." All was done for him that loving hands could do. He had the sympathy of nearly the whole town. People remarked that they had never seen better attention paid to anyone who was sick. His loved ones are very grateful for the kindness shown Brother Lowe during his illness.

His stay with us was short, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope because we know that if we live true to the Master, we will see our loved ones again. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Brother W. A. Baxter, also Brother Osborne Roberts and Brother Walker Kendrick. His remains were laid to rest in the Home Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection when the redeemed will be gathered in. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, little son, step-mother, five brothers, one sister and many friends.

You have left us precious brother For the land of joy and peace, But we know that we will meet you When the tolls of life shall cease.

Over in the golden city Singing round the great white throne, And we long to join the chorus When we lay our armour down.—One who loved him, his brother-in-law, H. B. Roberts.



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PERFECT THRU  
SUFFERING

PARKERSBURG, W. Va.—I am glad I can still report victory in my soul. It is not due to any goodness in me, that the Holy Ghost abides after four years, four and one half months of trials and temptations, seasoned always with a great and sweet joy, but to the mercy and loving kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ. The fire which was kindled one never-to-be-forgotten night in August at the dear little Church at Archers Fork, Ohio, is now a consuming fire, destroying daily, the works of the flesh, praise the Lord!

When I came here to work, I found a great number of backsliders who at once found a place in my heart. God gave several of us such a burden that we fasted, prayed and cried unto God for their deliverance almost night and day. I am so happy to say that mine have been restored and a precious little girl saved and sanctified. The Lord has said His ear is not deaf to hear, neither is His hand short to save. What a merciful and loving God we are serving! I have just been thinking of how He loves those who have once had the blessing and have fallen away, rejecting the workings of the Spirit so many times and indulging in sins that certainly grieve His great heart to the breaking point. Yet His Spirit continues to strive until they return, confessing they are no more worthy to be called His sons. Then He in His great love for them, throws His arms about them and soothes their troubled souls and gives them the vital part of Him, His Spirit. Oh how I love Him tonight and I would to God I could place in every heart such a love that they would follow Him eternally. Thank God, that He ever revealed Himself to this poor hungry heart of mine.

Several nights ago a few of us assembled at a sister's home, in the name of Jesus, and His promise that, where two or three were gathered in His name there would He be in the midst, was fulfilled beyond measure. As we humbled ourselves to pray for an afflicted brother, the power began to fall and every one had a wonderful spirit of prayer. Of course, the Lord healed the brother and blessed us to overflowing. God magnified Himself in many and marvelous ways. The service was dismissed about ten o'clock but continued until about 11:30 and then no one was anxious to leave. Just as we were being dismissed the Holy Ghost took charge and a message was given and interpreted which was as follows:

"Lo in the volume of the Book it is written, Behold I come quickly and my reward is with me. What I say unto one, I say unto all, Watch! Stand and see the salvation of the Lord. As the lightning shineth from the East unto the West, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Ye are the light of the world. Ye shall be like unto a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has called you. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. If these hold their peace, the very stones shall cry out."

When the message was finished, the power came down as a mighty rain, a veritable cloudburst of glory. A colored brother from the Church of God in Christ played the guitar and sang some good fiery songs during which time the saints danced, spoke and sang in tongues and in almost every way gave vent to the joys of salvation bubbling up in their souls. One sister was dancing and all at once she dropped before the stove and put her hands into the blaze, then she put them back in again. A precious boy was dancing and in almost a second's time he dropped to the floor as though he'd been shot. That was the first time I had ever seen fire handled and I only wish I was able to portray here the glory I felt in my soul as I witnessed the mighty hand of God. Glory! I can feel His Spirit even now. It is wonderful to be serving a living God, one who answers by fire. I want no more of the world; I found one time the satisfying portion and I only desire to see what lies beyond.

The Lord has sent us a real man of God as shepherd, Brother Thomas, and he certainly does not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. Brother Stamper has charge of the work at Marietta and Archers Fork, my home church, altho I have not heard him preach, I hear that he is good. Our former pastor, Brother R. Nicely was sent to St. Joseph, Mo., here by the help of the Lord. I know he will do a good work for he is one who loves his Lord best of all and next his flock, and has their interest at heart.

One Saturday morning as I was about my work, these words came to me in the form of a song and they are so true, "Do you want to be in the Bride? Do you want to be in the Bride of Christ? Then get oil in your vessel, be watching and praying whatever betide and you shall be in the Bride." That is just what it takes and I am so glad that I'm ready to meet my Jesus.

It seems that God has given me a great love for backsliders and a desire to do everything possible to win them back. In the last two months, God has taught me what prayer and fasting, seasoned with tears, love and encouraging words, will do. He does not despise the tears of His children. Again I say I love Him. Those words are so inadequate, but no words can express how much I love my Savior. I shall leave this little verse which may help some precious one who has fallen by the wayside and help him to realize there is yet another chance. "There's a wonderful place for the whole human race, Called the land of 'Beginning Again.' Where the acts of the past, in forgetfulness cast, Rise no more—for God's pardon we gain."

And a Savior we find who will always be kind; As the King of our hearts, He shall reign, And the sin-sick and sad, we shall all be made glad, In the land of 'Beginning Again.'"

Here is a selection that has helped me wonderfully. "Perfect Through Suffering." God would never have sent us the darkness If He felt we could bear the light, But we would not cling to His guiding hand If the way were always bright, And we would not care to walk by faith Could we always walk by sight.

'Tis true He has many an anguish For your sorrowful heart to bear, And many a cruel thorn crown For your tired head to wear; He knows how few would reach Heaven at all If pain did not guide them there.

So He sends you the blinding darkness And the furnace of seven fold heat; 'Tis the only way, believe me, To keep you close to His feet; For 'tis always so easy to wander When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your hand in your Father's And sing, if you can, as you go; Your song may cheer some one be-

OVER THE TOP  
Certainly This Should Be Our Motto

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

Many write that they are working at the drive. Brother Ed Williams, Overseer of Texas writes: I heartily endorse the plan to raise money on the indebtedness at Headquarters. We intend to respond from Texas as soon as we can. \* \* \* We don't intend to neglect or shirk our duty.

We are certainly glad to receive your encouraging words Brother Williams. I am sure that if every one would dive into this with as firm a resolution as you manifest, the amount will come. I shouldn't wonder that they are going to do it, yet many haven't said so.

Brother D. C. Niswander of Roanoke Va. writes that his people are well pleased with the one dollar plan, and on the 8th of April they are going to send a check to the amount of one

dollar for each member of the Church at Roanoke. He further states, I know that we are going over the top with this debt.

Brother Frank W. Anderson also of Virginia writes some encouraging words about the drive.

Brother Murphy and son from Williamsburg, Ky. were in Cleveland last week. They seem to be greatly enthused about doing all they can in this worthy cause, and said they would launch the drive in their Church.

We are certainly glad to hear from all these good brethren. It makes us feel glad to learn of sincere, earnest men and women putting their shoulder to the work of the Lord.

Over the top for Jesus should be our motto.

Prayer of Faith Shall  
Save the Sick

CROCKETT, Tex.—I am praising God because He saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His wonderful healing power. I was very sick with chills and fever. I had two chills in one day. My wife and son poured out their hearts to God and He healed me. The saints also prayed for me.

James 5:15 says, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." I thank Him for His Word for it is a waybill from earth to glory. Pray for me that I might ever be found faithful and doing His will.—J. L. Land.

hind you  
Whose courage is sinking low,  
And well, if your lips do quiver,  
God will love you the better so.—  
Author unknown.

On Thanksgiving night Brother Rouse laid hands on me and I certainly experienced the great healing power. I haven't had my glasses on since that time and I feel much better other ways, praise the Lord. We have so many things to be thankful for. God bless all in my prayer. Please remember me in your prayers and especially remember those who have just renewed their covenant with the Lord.—Maymie Patterson, 1801 Avery St.

FAILURE WITHOUT  
THE BLOOD APPLIED

HATFIELD, W. Va.—It is a failure to try to live the life if the precious blood has not been applied on the soul. I am praising the blessed Lord for the blood this morning. I was once a church member and living as near right as I could without the blood of Jesus, but was a failure. He showed me my lost condition and before it was too late, I got so hungry for salvation I could not rest. He saved me from my sins, sanctified me by His precious blood and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I praise Him for His wonderful healing power. The doctors gave me up last April. I was taken to the hospital and they said my case was hopeless. I had a cancer and they said they would give me radium treatments which would cause me to live a few days longer, but glory to God, the saints at Lenor, and Brother T. J. Mead were praying by this time and God touched my body and lifted the burden. I told them I didn't want the treatment for God was able to heal me. I told my husband and son to take me back home, if the Lord wanted me I was ready to go. Since that time God has helped me so much. I am still getting better and want you to pray for me that the Lord might have His way in my life. I am His servant and if He gets glory out of my affliction, amen. I belong to the dear old Church of God and He has a right to use me to His glory.—Mrs. Linda Starr.

Jesus Said, Love  
One Another

HERFORD, Tex.—Thru the kindness of someone, I have been receiving the Church of God Evangel and I appreciate it very much. Although I had never heard of this way before. I am sure it is just what I want. You people believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues as an evidence and I like that. I have been fellowshiping with the Full Gospel people. We have wonderful meetings and many are filled with the Holy Spirit and are looking for the soon coming of Jesus.

I read so many letters from Sesser, Ill. of how the Lord is doing a great work there and I am glad. I was born there and watched the town grow into the most wicked place one could imagine. I know nothing but the grace of God could redeem it and I praise Him for the victory there. I have a twin brother there who is a Church of God worker. He and his wife are doing much for the glory of God throughout the State of Illinois.

We are truly living in perilous days. It is time to be working and praying. I believe we are in the latter days for on the day of Pentecost there was a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit to start the Spiritual crop, then showers of the Spirit now and then to keep it growing. Now we are having a world wide revival to bring the harvest to maturity. We can see from every angle and viewpoint that Jesus is coming soon. The return of the Jews is an evidence of itself, besides other things. If we could read of the rebuilding of the Holy land, its water and light system and other modern conveniences, we could see it is all fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Let's all work and pray for each other. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." St. John 13:34, 35. Pray for me and mine.—Mrs. Anna Brayfield Morrison.

CLEARWATER, Fla.—I want to praise the Lord for the many blessings He has given me. I praise Him for healing my baby. She was sick and we sent for Brother and Sister Sapp and Sister Sullivan. They came and prayed for her and she was healed. We give the Lord the glory for it. Pray for us that we will hold out till the end.—Mrs. M. M. Sullivan.

## THE NEW YEAR

As we enter the coming year of 1928, in keeping with the time in which we live, and the cause we represent, we confidently expect this to be the greatest year of the Church of God everywhere. As we enter the coming year, it is with the atmosphere around about, filled with the fragrance of triumph, for indeed we have through Christ wonderfully succeeded in the past years while clouds of darkness hung over our heads.

The pinnacle of joy should follow in this year; should be a year of jubilee in the Church of God, and it will be more especially so, if we each do our duties in trying to lift the indebtedness that has been a great burden and hindrance to the work. However, there was nothing to do only wait as we did, but now the time has come to strike the iron while it is hot, and I feel sure that it is hot, for the glow of the white heated love of God that was so wonderfully manifested at the General Assembly could result in nothing less than an unusual inspiration. Never before have I witnessed such a wonderful flow of the presence of God in any previous Assembly, nor do I believe it has been present in such a marvelous way, nor will it ever be again until the next General Assembly. Did you catch that last clause?

Now about the indebtedness, let me say this, if we will all do our duties, this will be easy to lift and I feel sure that we will do this. Do you remember how long it has been since we have been asked for a cent at Headquarters except for the orphanage work, which has always been supported by free will offerings? Now let each of us work faithfully to have the needed amounts and especially our quota as assigned to each individual, or church. If we will do this, this mountain will become a plain and we will rejoice exceedingly.

Let us in honor of the noble Cause we represent, push this mountain splash into the sea of God's grace and see the waves splash a thousand miles high, yes even farther than that, in fact, it will never stop splashing, for saith God, if ye recompense me swiftly, I will recompense you upon your own heads. And furthermore let us honor our worthy officials of the Church who have labored under this burden for years. They've been faithful and borne their burdens without complaining and now we can with just the small amount asked of each, make them rejoice with us with exceeding great joy. Everywhere I go I mean to give this a real place in my ministry until it is lifted. Ministers, let me say this to you, the blessings that will last and will bring you the greatest rewards are those that count for the furtherance and success of the Church of God. We can not be neglectful in making permanent improvements for the Church, this is what counts and will make your ministry to continue. Seeing our people thrust from church buildings, school buildings and such like has proved to me the needs of permanent improvements that our work may go on even after you have passed into the great beyond. Don't leave God's part out and that is the care of His people. Work for God and He will work for you.

The ministers are at this time the solicitors and workers in the lead of this drive and if you do not do your duty, it will show up on you, so come on, let's go, and if you wait until May to start you will not get your share. It will be better to start now and would encourage others. May the Lord bless you.—Your co-worker, E. C. Clark, Clarksburg, W. Va.

HOW SWEET TO  
TRUST IN JESUS

CAMDEN, Tenn.—It is a glorious thing to trust in Jesus. The Lord healed me of flu two years ago and I promised Him I would testify of it. He has healed my body three different times and has healed in our home many times.

There are just a few in the little band here. We have cottage meetings and we are praying for the Lord to send us some good man to hold a meeting. Pray for us.—Dallie Floyd.

## BE HUMBLE

INDIAN TOWN, Fla.—I have victory in my soul today. I am glad that the Lord ever let me see the light on His dear Church and I am praising Him that I've been added to the Church of God. I desire all your prayers. I am the only Church of God person here. Everyone pray for me and that God will lead in our meetings.—Eudora Ball.

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